**Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services** 

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Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) Generic Information Collection

**Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request** 

**AGENCY:** Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, Health and Human Services (HHS).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** On May 28, 2010, the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) issued Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) guidance related to the "generic" clearance process. Generally, this is an expedited process by which agencies may obtain OMB's approval of collection of information requests that are "usually voluntary, low-burden, and uncontroversial collections," do not raise any substantive or policy issues, and do not require policy or methodological review. The process requires the submission of an overarching plan that defines the scope of the individual collections that would fall under its umbrella. On October 23, 2011, OMB approved our initial request to use the generic clearance process under control number 0938–1148 (CMS-10398). It was last approved on April 26, 2021, via the standard PRA process which included the publication of 60- and 30-day Federal Register notices. The scope of the April 2021 umbrella accounts for Medicaid and CHIP State plan amendments, waivers, demonstrations, and reporting. This Federal Register notice seeks public comment on one or more of our collection of information requests that we believe are generic and fall within the scope of the umbrella. Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding our burden estimates or any other aspect of this collection of information, including: the necessity and utility of the proposed information collection for the proper performance of the agency's functions, the accuracy of the estimated burden, ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected, and the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology to minimize the information collection burden.

DATES: Comments must be received by [INSERT DATE 14 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER].

**ADDRESSES:** When commenting, please reference the applicable form number (CMS-10398 #59) and the OMB control number (0938-1148). To be assured consideration, comments and recommendations must be submitted in any one of the following ways:

- 1. *Electronically*. You may send your comments electronically to http://www.regulations.gov. Follow the instructions for "Comment or Submission" or "More Search Options" to find the information collection document(s) that are accepting comments.
  - 2. By regular mail. You may mail written comments to the following address:

CMS, Office of Strategic Operations and Regulatory Affairs

Division of Regulations Development

Attention: CMS-10398 #59/0938-1148

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To obtain copies of a supporting statement and any related forms for the proposed collection(s) summarized in this notice, please access the CMS PRA website by copying and pasting the following web address into your web browser: https://www.cms.gov/regulations-and-guidance/legislation/paperworkreductionactof1995/pra-listing.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** William N. Parham at (410) 786-4669. **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** 

Following is a summary of the use and burden associated with the subject information collection(s). More detailed information can be found in the collection's supporting statement and associated materials (see **ADDRESSES**).

Generic Information Collection

1. Title of Information Collection: Medicaid Section 1115 Severe Mental Illness and

Children with Serious Emotional Disturbance Demonstrations; Type of Information Collection Request: Revision of an existing generic information collection request; Use: States with approved serious mental illness (SMI) demonstrations are required to develop implementation and monitoring plans, including monitoring metrics, monitoring protocol, regular monitoring reports describing their implementation progress, and availability assessments. In addition, the Medicaid Section 1115 demonstration monitoring and evaluation Special Terms and Conditions specify that states are required to submit in their regular monitoring reports, information on milestones and performance measures that they elected to represent key indicators of progress toward meeting the goals for the demonstrations. To improve the quality and efficiency of the reporting requirements, CMS in conjunction with state advisory groups developed a set of standardized monitoring tools for states to use for their regular reporting. In this 2023 collection of information request, States continue to use our currently approved reporting tools. As part of the meta-analysis, we also propose to add virtual interviews with behavioral health providers in states that have approved section 1115 SMI demonstrations. Our burden estimates have been updated to account for changes in the tools and the virtual interviews with behavioral health providers. Form Number: CMS-10398 #59 (OMB control number: 0938–1148); Frequency: Yearly, quarterly, and once; Affected Public: State, Local, or Tribal Governments; Number of Respondents: 15; Total Annual Responses: 282; Total Annual Hours: 3,725. For policy questions regarding this collection contact Danielle Daly at 443-379-3289.

Dated: May 1, 2023.

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Director.

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